

*To the Reader.*

IT has been justly lamented for many years that the young and tender minds of the generation are too frequently poisoned by noxious ingredients, which modern novel-mances, and such like publications, are principally made up of.

Indeed, the complaint is too true, respecting both sexes; young Gentlemen and Ladies want of something better to read, often have recourse to such books as are calculated and tend to excite passions of the most fatal nature. Conscious hereof, the Editor of the following volume has, with no little trouble, extracted from various miscellanies, what he thinks most likely to be a pleasing antidote to the poison above-mentioned, and warmly recommends it to the perusal of youth, who wishes to be instructed in the attainment of VIRTUE, WISDOM, and true FELICITY.